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May 17, 2004

Douglas McAvay, Ph.D.
Clinical Director
Community Solutions, Inc.
4 Griffin Road North
Windsor, CT 06095

Re: Certificate of Need Determination, Report Number 03-30079-DTR
Community Solutions, Inc., d/b/a Danbury Multi Service Center
CON Exemption Pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
Establish Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults with the Multi-Service Component and
Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment facility

Dear Dr. McAvay:

The Office of Health Care Access (“OHCA”) is in receipt of your request for exemption from the Certificate of Need (“CON”) process, pursuant to Section 19a-639b of the Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”), for the establishment of a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults with multi-service component and a substance abuse outpatient treatment facility at 145 Main Street in Danbury.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

1. Community Solutions, Inc. (“CSI”) is a nonprofit mental health and substance abuse provider with centers in Hartford and New Haven.
2. CSI through the Danbury Multi-Service Center proposes to provide a coordinated continuum of care that will offer mental health and substance abuse services. This care will include outpatient substance abuse treatment and recovery services to adults with substance abuse issues, including individuals with dual-diagnosis (co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders).
3. CSI specializes in the treatment of the mandated criminal justice population.

4. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“DMHAS”), in a letter dated May 3, 2004, from Commissioner Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., supports the establishment of mental health and substance abuse services in Danbury and recommends an exemption of the CON requirements, pursuant to Section 19a-639b, C.G.S.
5. The total capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$25,000.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the establishment of a psychiatric outpatient clinic for adults with multi-service component and substance abuse outpatient treatment facility at 145 Main Street in Danbury meets the exemption requirements of Section 19a-639b C.G.S. and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA’s CON process.

Thank you for keeping OHCA informed of your plans regarding this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Paolo Fiducia, Associate Health Care Analyst, Utilization Review and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7035.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

c: Honorable Thomas A. Kirk, Jr., Ph.D., Commissioner, DMHAS
Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR
Al Bidorini, Director, OPAS, DMHAS

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